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Application Ser. No. 10/659,405

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The applicant will follow the examiner's sequence of paragraphs as they appear in the examiner's detailed action.

Par. 1. the drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include certain reference characters. The reference character "a" has been changed to "A" and the reference character "1a" has been added.

Par. 2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.48(p)(5).. The specification will be amended on separate pages to augment the various pages to introduce the reference characters "5", "7", "11", "12", "14" and "33" because they were inadvertently omitted from the initial description.

Par. 3. The drawings are objected to under 37 1.83(a) because they do not show every feature specified in the claims. Claim 9 will be canceled.

Par. 4 The disclosure is objected to because of a confusion between various elements. The various paragraphs in the specification will be amended to correct the above noted confusions.